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For: A METHOD AND A DECODER FOR DECODING MPEG VIDEO

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

B<sup>1</sup>  
10. (Twice Amended) The MPEG video decoding method according to claim 9, wherein when decoding a first picture, in the parameter reading step, parameters are read from a memory area that is to store the parameters of each layer attached to the picture to be decoded.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claim 10 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 9. No new matter is contained in the amendment. As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, as amended, the above-amendment is a clean copy containing the amendment to Claim 10. Attached is a marked-up copy